

ARIZONA GAME AND FISH DEPARTMENT

GUIDELINES AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE 2006 SPRING HUNTING SEASONS

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TURKEY

The Department's Turkey Management Goal is to maintain turkey populations at levels that provide diverse recreational opportunities. Habitat quality, population status, hunter density, and hunt success will be used to determine hunting opportunities for both spring and fall seasons.

Hunting opportunity will be determined through a Turkey Management Worksheet, which involves a three-step process of:

1. Determining spring and fall hunt structures by game management unit (GMU).
2. Determining permit changes by GMU.
3. Determining maximum spring hunter density by GMU.

Management Criteria are:

1. Hunt structure will fall into one of the following categories as determined by a score generated from the Habitat Quality Scorecard and a decision of status within the GMU.
 - A. If the score is A, the unit will have a permitted fall hunt and a permitted spring hunt with stratified seasons.
 - B. If the score is B, the unit may have an optional permitted fall hunt and will have a permitted spring hunt, with the option for stratified seasons.
 - C. If the score is C, the unit will have a permitted non-stratified spring season.
 - D. If the score is D, the unit may have a permitted non-stratified spring season.
2. Permit changes for each hunt and GMU will be determined using average hunt success and 5-year trend in hunt success. Permit options are as follows.
 - A. Permit numbers will increase when:
 1. Mean hunt success is greater than 15% and hunt success trend is increasing, or
 2. Mean hunt success is greater than 20% and hunt success is stable.
 - B. Permit numbers will remain unchanged when:
 1. Mean hunt success is less than 15% and hunt success trend is increasing, or
 2. Mean hunt success is 15-20% and hunt success trend is stable, or
 3. Mean hunt success is greater than 20% and hunt success is declining.
 - C. Permit numbers will decrease when:
 1. Mean hunt success is less than 15% and hunt success is stable or declining, or
 2. Mean hunt success is 15-20% and hunt success trend is declining.
 3. Spring permit numbers will not exceed a maximum hunter density of 1.5 hunters per square mile of summer and year round turkey habitat.

GUIDELINES:

1. When changes in permit numbers are indicated all data must be carefully evaluated to determine the magnitude of change. Factors influencing this change must be presented in writing with the hunt recommendations.
2. The Fall season shall start on the Friday following the first Saturday in October and run for 7 consecutive days.
3. The first stratified Spring season, and the non-stratified Spring season, shall start on the Friday of week 18.
4. The second stratified Spring season shall start on the Friday of week 19.

JAVELINA

The Department's Javelina Management Goal is to maintain javelina populations at levels that provide diverse recreational opportunities, while avoiding adverse impacts to the habitat, and minimizing substantiated depredation and nuisance complaints. The management criteria are:

1. Manage for an average herd size of 6-9 adults per herd or 8-12 total javelina per herd. A decrease in permits is indicated when the average herd size is below 6 adults or 8 total javelina. An increase in permits is indicated when the average herd size exceeds 9 adults or 12 total javelina.
2. Permit recommendations should consider current recruitment. A juvenile javelina will be considered to be any javelina that is less than one-half grown. A decrease in permits is indicated when recruitment is less than 20 juveniles:100 adults. An increase in permits is indicated when recruitment exceeds 30 juveniles:100 adults.
3. Survey data, hunt success, average hunter days/kill, and total harvest should be evaluated on at least a 3-year trend basis. A decrease in permits is indicated when the above data demonstrate a declining trend in the javelina population. An increase in permits is indicated when the above data demonstrate an increasing trend.

Permits should	Decrease	Stay the Same	Increase
Herd size	Below 6 ad / 8 total	6/8 to 9/12	Above 9 ad / 12 total
Juv:100 adults	Below 20	20 to 30	Above 30
Pop. Trend	Declining	Stable	Increasing

GUIDELINES:

1. Hunting will be limited by permit. Hunts recommended for the February-March seasons may be either "handgun, archery, and muzzleloader" (HAM) hunts or General hunts. If 2 seasons are recommended, one will be a HAM hunt, with that season being the February 13 through February 19 season. Only one HAM hunt per unit will be recommended.
2. Units in which the number of hunters required for the desired harvest is in excess of desirable hunter concentrations will be stratified with a General and a HAM season.
3. Either the February 11 through February 17 or the February 18 through February 24 season may be selected for units with one General javelina hunt.
4. Population management hunts may be established to meet management objectives with goals, recommendations, or guidelines to meet population management objectives that are not met during regular seasons.

BUFFALO

The Department's Buffalo Management Goal is to maintain buffalo populations at levels which provide diverse recreational opportunities, while avoiding adverse impacts to the habitat.

GUIDELINES:

1. The number and age class of buffalo to be harvested will be determined from annual herd inventory data.
2. All hunts will be limited by permits. Permits will be for "adult bull only," "cow only," "cow/yearling," or "yearling only."
3. Population management hunts may be established to meet management objectives with goals, recommendations, or guidelines to meet population management objectives that are not met during regular seasons.

BEAR

The Department's Bear Management Goal is to manage the black bear population, its numbers and distribution, as an important part of Arizona's fauna; while still providing hunting and other related recreational opportunities. Management criteria are:

1. Hunt recommendations will be made on a unit basis.
2. Implement hunt structures (season dates, season length, etc.) which direct harvest toward male segments of the bear population and away from female portions. The goal of hunt recommendations is to allow as much bear hunting opportunity as possible, while minimizing the harvest of adult females.
3. Evaluate data on a unit basis to determine population status and effect of harvest. Age and sex data from previous harvests should help evaluate the status of a unit's bear population.

GUIDELINES:

1. A unit may not have more than one Fall General Bear season.
2. A permit-only Spring Bear hunt may be recommended.
3. Population management hunts may be established to meet management objectives with goals, recommendations, or guidelines to meet population management objectives that are not met during regular seasons.

Hunt Guidelines

Commission Order 5: Turkey

Limited Weapon-Shotgun Shooting Shot Spring Turkey

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Hunt No.	Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife
	Apr 28 - May 4, and May 12 - May 25, 2006	(1)	1	Bearded turkey
	May 5 - May 25, 2006		1	Bearded turkey
	Apr 28 - May 25, 2006		3B	Bearded turkey
	Apr 28 - May 25, 2006		3C	Bearded turkey
	Apr 28 - May 25, 2006		4A and 4B	Bearded turkey
	Apr 28 - May 25, 2006		5A	Bearded turkey
	Apr 28 - May 25, 2006		5B	Bearded turkey
	Apr 28 - May 4, and May 12 - May 25, 2006		6A	Bearded turkey
	May 5 - May 25, 2006		6A	Bearded turkey
	Apr 28 - May 4, and May 12 - May 25, 2006	(1)	6B (except Camp Navajo)	Bearded turkey
	May 5 - May 25, 2006	(1)	6B (except Camp Navajo)	Bearded turkey
	Apr 28 - May 25, 2006		7	Bearded turkey
	Apr 28 - May 25, 2006		8 and 10	Bearded turkey
	Apr 28 - May 25, 2006		9	Bearded turkey
	Apr 28 - May 4, and May 12 - May 25, 2006		12A	Bearded turkey
	May 5 - May 25, 2006		12A	Bearded turkey
	Apr 28 - May 25, 2006	(2)	13A	Bearded turkey
	Apr 28 - May 4, and May 12 - May 25, 2006	(2)	13B (South of Wolfhole - Jacobs Well Road)	Bearded turkey
	May 5 - May 25, 2006	(2)	13B (South of Wolfhole - Jacobs Well Road)	Bearded turkey
	Apr 28 - May 25, 2006		17A, 17B, and 18B	Bearded turkey
	Apr 28 - May 25, 2006		22	Bearded turkey
	Apr 28 - May 4, and May 12 - May 25, 2006		23	Bearded turkey
	May 5 - May 25, 2006		23	Bearded turkey
	Apr 28 - May 4, and May 12 - May 25, 2006		27	Bearded turkey
	May 5 - May 25, 2006		27	Bearded turkey
	Apr 28 - May 25, 2006	(3)	35A (except Fort Huachuca)	Bearded turkey
	Apr 28 - May 25, 2006	(1)	Camp Navajo in Unit 6B	Bearded turkey

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Any shotgun shooting shot as prescribed in R12-4-318 or crossbow or bow and arrow as prescribed in R12-4-304.

LICENSE AND PERMIT REQUIREMENTS: Class F or G license plus Spring Turkey hunt permit-tag obtained only through application and drawing procedures as prescribed in R12-4-104 and R12-4-114. Applicants must apply by Hunt Number.

Juniors-Only Limited Weapon Shotgun Shooting Shot Spring Turkey

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Hunt No.	Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife
	Apr 28 - May 25, 2006		1	Bearded turkey
	Apr 28 - May 25, 2006		5B	Bearded turkey
	Apr 28 - May 4, and May 12 - May 25, 2006		6A	Bearded turkey
	May 5 - May 25, 2006		6A	Bearded turkey
	Apr 28 - May 25, 2006		8 and 10	Bearded turkey
	Apr 28 - May 25, 2006		27	Bearded turkey

Juniors-Only Limited Weapon Shotgun Shooting Shot Spring Turkey

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Hunt No.	Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife
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Notes:

- 1 . Camp Navajo in Unit 6B is open to turkey hunting only to properly licensed hunters holding a valid Camp Navajo hunting permit. A hunter education course is required. Hunt numbers must be obtained from the Arizona National Guard (928) 773-3274. Increases in Force Protection may result in hunt cancellations at any time with little or no prior notification. In the event a hunt is cancelled due to an increase in security, hunters drawn for these permits will not be reimbursed or otherwise compensated by the Arizona Game and Fish Department. Applications for these hunts must be submitted to the Arizona Game and Fish Department by the published deadline. Applications for Camp Navajo hunts may not be submitted online.
- 2 . The Grand Canyon-Parashant, Vermilion Cliffs, Sonoran Desert, Ironwood Forest, and Agua Fria National Monuments are open to hunting.
- 3 . Turkeys in Unit 35A are Gould's turkeys.

TURKEY BAG LIMIT: One (1) turkey per calendar year except as prescribed in R12-4-120.

Hunt Guidelines

Commission Order 6: Javelina

General Javelina

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Hunt No.	Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife
	Feb 17 - Feb 23, 2006		6A	Any javelina
	Feb 24 - Mar 2, 2006		10 and 18A	Any javelina
	Feb 24 - Mar 2, 2006		16A	Any javelina
	Feb 17 - Feb 23, 2006		17A and 17B	Any javelina
	Feb 24 - Mar 2, 2006		18B	Any javelina
	Feb 17 - Feb 23, 2006		19A	Any javelina
	Feb 17 - Feb 23, 2006		19B	Any javelina
	Feb 17 - Feb 23, 2006		20A	Any javelina
	Feb 24 - Mar 2, 2006		20B	Any javelina
	Feb 24 - Mar 2, 2006	(1,5)	21	Any javelina
	Feb 24 - Mar 2, 2006	(2)	22	Any javelina
	Feb 24 - Mar 2, 2006		23	Any javelina
	Feb 24 - Mar 2, 2006		24A	Any javelina
	Feb 24 - Mar 2, 2006		24B	Any javelina
	Feb 17 - Feb 23, 2006		27	Any javelina
	Feb 24 - Mar 2, 2006		28	Any javelina
	Feb 24 - Mar 2, 2006		29	Any javelina
	Feb 24 - Mar 2, 2006		30A	Any javelina
	Feb 24 - Mar 2, 2006		30B	Any javelina
	Feb 24 - Mar 2, 2006		31	Any javelina
	Feb 24 - Mar 2, 2006		32	Any javelina
	Feb 24 - Mar 2, 2006		33	Any javelina
	Feb 24 - Mar 2, 2006		34A	Any javelina
	Feb 24 - Mar 2, 2006		34B	Any javelina
	Feb 24 - Mar 2, 2006	(3)	35A (except Fort Huachuca)	Any javelina
	Feb 24 - Mar 2, 2006		35B	Any javelina
	Feb 24 - Mar 2, 2006	(4)	36A	Any javelina
	Feb 24 - Mar 2, 2006	(4)	36B	Any javelina
	Feb 24 - Mar 2, 2006	(4)	36C	Any javelina
	Feb 24 - Mar 2, 2006	(5)	37A	Any javelina
	Feb 24 - Mar 2, 2006		37B	Any javelina
	Feb 17 - Feb 23, 2006	(3)	Fort Huachuca in Unit 35A	Any javelina

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Any firearm, crossbow, or bow and arrow as prescribed in R12-4-304.

LICENSE AND PERMIT REQUIREMENTS: Class F or G license plus Javelina hunt permit-tag obtained only through application and drawing procedures as prescribed in R12-4-104 and R12-4-114. Applicants must apply by Hunt Number.

Juniors-Only Javelina

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Hunt No.	Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife
	Feb 10 - Feb 16, 2006		10, 17A, 17B, 18A, 19A, 19B, 20A	Any javelina
	Feb 10 - Feb 16, 2006		16A	Any javelina
	Feb 10 - Feb 16, 2006		20B	Any javelina
	Feb 10 - Feb 16, 2006		20C	Any javelina
	Feb 10 - Feb 16, 2006	(4)	36A & 36C	Any javelina
	Feb 10 - Feb 16, 2006		37A	Any javelina

Juniors-Only Javelina

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Hunt No.	Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife
LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Any firearm, crossbow, or bow and arrow as prescribed in R12-4-304.				
LICENSE AND PERMIT REQUIREMENTS: Class F or G license plus Javelina hunt permit-tag obtained only through application and drawing procedures as prescribed in R12-4-104 and R12-4-114. Applicants must apply by Hunt Number.				
ELIGIBLE HUNTERS: Persons are eligible to participate up to and throughout the calendar year of their 17th birthday, provided that persons between the ages 10 and 13 have satisfactorily completed a Hunter Education Course that is approved by the Director as per ARS 17-335 (C).				

HAM Javelina

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Hunt No.	Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife
	Feb 17 - Feb 23, 2006		6B (except Camp Navajo)	Any javelina
	Feb 17 - Feb 23, 2006		8	Any javelina
	Feb 17 - Feb 23, 2006		18B	Any javelina
	Feb 17 - Feb 23, 2006		20C	Any javelina
	Feb 24 - Mar 2, 2006		20C	Any javelina
	Feb 17 - Feb 23, 2006	(1,5)	21	Any javelina
	Feb 17 - Feb 23, 2006	(2)	22	Any javelina
	Feb 17 - Feb 23, 2006		23	Any javelina
	Feb 17 - Feb 23, 2006		24A	Any javelina
	Feb 17 - Feb 23, 2006		24B	Any javelina
	Feb 17 - Feb 23, 2006		28	Any javelina
	Feb 17 - Feb 23, 2006		29	Any javelina
	Feb 17 - Feb 23, 2006		30A	Any javelina
	Feb 17 - Feb 23, 2006		30B	Any javelina
	Feb 17 - Feb 23, 2006		31	Any javelina
	Feb 17 - Feb 23, 2006		32	Any javelina
	Feb 17 - Feb 23, 2006		33	Any javelina
	Feb 17 - Feb 23, 2006		34A	Any javelina
	Feb 17 - Feb 23, 2006		34B	Any javelina
	Feb 17 - Feb 23, 2006	(3)	35A (except Fort Huachuca)	Any javelina
	Feb 17 - Feb 23, 2006		35B	Any javelina
	Feb 17 - Feb 23, 2006	(4)	36B	Any javelina
	Feb 17 - Feb 23, 2006	(4)	36C	Any javelina
	Feb 17 - Feb 23, 2006	(5)	37A	Any javelina
	Feb 17 - Feb 23, 2006		37B	Any javelina

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Handguns, muzzleloading rifles, muzzleloading handguns, crossbow, or bow and arrow as prescribed in R12-4-318.

LICENSE AND PERMIT REQUIREMENTS: Class F or G license plus Javelina hunt permit-tag obtained only through application and drawing procedures as prescribed in R12-4-104 and R12-4-114. Applicants must apply by Hunt Number.

Archery-Only Javelina

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Hunt No.	Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife
	Jan 1 - Jan 31, 2006	(5)	1, 2A, 2B, 2C, 3A, 3B, 3C, 4A, 4B, 9, 10, 15A, 15B, 15C, 15D, 16A, 17A, 17B, 18A, 18B, 19B, 39, 40A, 40B, 41, 42, 43A, 43B, 44A and 44B	Any javelina
	Jan 1 - Jan 31, 2006		5A, 5B, 6A, 6B, and 19A (except Camp Navajo)	Any javelina
	Jan 1 - Jan 31, 2006		20A and 20C	Any javelina
	Jan 1 - Jan 31, 2006		20B	Any javelina
	Jan 1 - Jan 31, 2006	(1,5)	21	Any javelina
	Jan 1 - Jan 31, 2006	(2)	22	Any javelina

Archery-Only Javelina

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Hunt No.	Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife
	Jan 1 - Jan 31, 2006		23	Any javelina
	Jan 1 - Jan 31, 2006		24A	Any javelina
	Jan 1 - Jan 31, 2006		24B	Any javelina
	Jan 1 - Jan 31, 2006		27, 28, 29, 30A, 30B, 31 and 32	Any javelina
	Jan 1 - Jan 31, 2006		33 and 37B	Any javelina
	Jan 1 - Jan 31, 2006	(5)	34A, 37A and 37M	Any javelina
	Jan 1 - Jan 31, 2006	(3)	34B, 35A and 35B	Any javelina
	Jan 1 - Jan 31, 2006	(4)	36A, 36B and 36C	Any javelina
	Jan 1 - Jan 31, 2006	(6)	39M and 42M	Any javelina
	Jan 1 - Jan 31, 2006	(3)	Fort Huachuca in Unit 35A	Any javelina

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Bow and arrow as prescribed in R12-4-304 and R12-4-318 and crossbow as prescribed in R12-4-216.

LICENSE AND PERMIT REQUIREMENTS: Class F or G license plus Javelina hunt permit-tag obtained only through application and drawing procedures as prescribed in R12-4-104 and R12-4-114. Applicants must apply by Hunt Number.

Notes:

1. Cave Creek Recreational Area is closed to javelina hunting.
2. The posted fenced enclosure (known as the Walnut Canyon Enclosure) lying between the North and South Loop Roads (F.S. Rd. 647) is closed to the taking of javelina.
3. The Fort Huachuca Military Reservation in Unit 35A is open to javelina hunting only to properly licensed Fort Huachuca military and civilian personnel holding a valid Fort Huachuca post hunting permit. Hunt numbers must be obtained from Fort Huachuca (Phone 520-533-1867 or 520-533-7083). Applications for these hunts must be submitted to the Arizona Game and Fish Department by the published deadline.
4. The Buenos Aires Refuge is open to javelina hunting as permitted by refuge regulations.
5. The Grand Canyon-Parashant, Vermilion Cliffs, Sonoran Desert, Ironwood Forest, and Agua Fria National Monuments are open to hunting.
6. Hunting is not permitted in Unit 42M in the following described area: Those private lands lying just north of the Town of Cave Creek in Sections 10, 11, 12, 14 and 15 of Township 6 North, Range 3 East.

JAVELINA BAG LIMIT: One (1) javelina per calendar year except as prescribed in R12-4-120.

Hunt Guidelines

Commission Order 8: Buffalo

General Spring Buffalo

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Hunt No.	Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife
	Jun 2 - Jun 8, 2006	(1)	5B - Raymond Ranch Wildlife Area	Adult bull buffalo only
	Jan 20 - Jan 26, 2006	(1)	5B - Raymond Ranch Wildlife Area	Yearling buffalo only
	Jan 27 - Feb 2, 2006	(1)	5B - Raymond Ranch Wildlife Area	Yearling buffalo only
	Mar 17 - Apr 16, 2006	(2,3)	12A (House Rock W.A.), 12B and 13A	Any buffalo

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Bow and arrow, centerfire rifles, muzzleloading rifles, or all other rifles using black powder as prescribed in R12-4-304.

LICENSE AND PERMIT REQUIREMENTS: Class F or G license plus Spring Buffalo hunt permit-tag obtained only through application and drawing procedures as prescribed in R12-4-104 and R12-4-114. Applicants must apply by Hunt Number.

Notes:

1. A hunter with a buffalo hunt permit-tag for the Raymond Wildlife Area herd shall be accompanied by an authorized Department employee who shall designate the animal to be harvested and shall hunt in the order scheduled by the Department in accordance with R12-4-306.
2. An unsuccessful hunter with a buffalo hunt permit-tag for the House Rock Wildlife Area herd shall check out in person or by telephone at either the Department's Flagstaff regional office or the House Rock Wildlife Area headquarters within three days following the close of the season. A successful buffalo hunter shall report information about the kill to the Department within five business days after taking the buffalo either in person at the House Rock Wildlife Area headquarters or in person or by telephone at the Department's Flagstaff regional office. If the kill is reported by telephone, the report shall include the name of the hunter, the hunter's tag number, the sex of the buffalo taken, the number of days hunted, and a telephone number where the hunter can be reached for additional information. (R12-4-306).
3. The Grand Canyon-Parashant, Vermilion Cliffs, Sonoran Desert, Ironwood Forest, and Agua Fria National Monuments are open to hunting.

BUFFALO BAG LIMIT: One (1) buffalo in a lifetime except as prescribed in R12-4-120.

HOUSE ROCK BUFFALO HUNT SPECIAL NOTE: During the fall and spring hunts at the House Rock Wildlife Area (HRWA), a significant portion of the herd has in the past moved to the Grand Canyon National Park where hunting is not allowed. Hunters are advised that if this occurs, their ability to successfully harvest a buffalo may be significantly impacted. As with any hunt, circumstances beyond the control of the Arizona Game and Fish Department may prevent the permit holder from being successful. The Arizona Game and Fish Department and Commission disclaims any responsibility to reissue or replace a permit, to reinstate bonus points, to refund any fees, or to provide any other form of relief.

The HRWA buffalo hunt is considered to be one of the most difficult hunts in the state. Buffalo can be difficult to locate. Plan on spending the entire season hunting, as an abbreviated hunt will lower your chances of success. Buffalo hunters must dress and care for their own animals; the Department will not assist. Take time to improve your physical condition. Hunters are often required to walk considerable distances (up to 8 miles) every day over rugged terrain. House Rock hunters should be prepared for remote and primitive conditions.

High clearance or four-wheel drive vehicles are recommended. Some portions of HRWA are included in the U.S. Forest Service wilderness system that does not preclude hunter access but does limit their means of transportation and equipment usage. For more information, call the Flagstaff Regional Office at 928-774-5045.

SPECIAL BUFFALO REGULATIONS: Buffalo meat taken under this Order may be sold as prescribed in R12-4-305. SEE BUFFALO HUNT REGULATIONS UNDER R12-4-306.

Hunt Guidelines

Commission Order 9: Bear

General Spring Bear

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Hunt No.	Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife
	Mar 24 - May 2, 2006	(1,2,3,4)	24A	Any bear except sows with cubs
	Mar 24 - May 2, 2006	(1,2,3,4)	27	Any bear except sows with cubs
	Mar 24 - May 2, 2006	(1,2,3,4)	29 and 30A	Any bear except sows with cubs
	Mar 24 - May 2, 2006	(1,2,3,4)	31	Any bear except sows with cubs
	Mar 24 - May 2, 2006	(1,2,3,4)	32	Any bear except sows with cubs
	Mar 24 - May 2, 2006	(1,2,3,4)	34A	Any bear except sows with cubs
	Mar 24 - May 2, 2006	(1,2,3,4,5)	35A and 35B (except Fort Huachuca)	Any bear except sows with cubs
	Mar 24 - May 2, 2006	(1,2,3,4,5)	Fort Huachuca in Unit 35A	Any bear except sows with cubs

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Any firearm or bow and arrow as prescribed in R12-4-304.

LICENSE AND PERMIT REQUIREMENTS: Class F or G license plus Spring Bear hunt permit-tag obtained only through application and drawing procedures as prescribed in R12-4-104 and R12-4-114. Applicants must apply by Hunt Number.

Archery-Only Spring Bear

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Hunt No.	Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife
	Apr 28 - Jul 6, 2006	(1,2,3,4)	3B and 3C	Any bear except sows with cubs
	Apr 28 - May 25, 2006	(1,2,3,4)	6B	Any bear except sows with cubs
	Mar 24 - Jul 31, 2006	(1,2,3,4)	22	Any bear except sows with cubs
	Mar 24 - Jul 31, 2006	(1,2,3,4)	23	Any bear except sows with cubs
	Mar 24 - Aug 6, 2006	(1,2,3,4)	33	Any bear except sows with cubs
	May 3 - Oct 2, 2006	(1,2,3,4)	34A	Any bear except sows with cubs
	May 3 - Oct 2, 2006	(1,2,3,4,5)	35A and 35B (except Fort Huachuca)	Any bear except sows with cubs
	May 3 - Sep 3, 2006	(1,2,3,4,5)	Fort Huachuca in Unit 35A	Any bear except sows with cubs

LICENSE AND PERMIT REQUIREMENTS: Class F or G license plus Spring Bear hunt permit-tag obtained only through application and drawing procedures as prescribed in R12-4-104 and R12-4-114. Applicants must apply by Hunt Number.

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Bow and arrow as prescribed in R12-4-304 and R12-4-318 and crossbow as prescribed in R12-4-216.

Notes:

- 1 . No person shall knowingly use any substance as bait at any time to attract or take bear (R12-4-304).
- 2 . The use of dogs is prohibited during Bear hunts from January 1 to July 31 (R12-4-318).
- 3 . Bear hunt units will close at sundown the Wednesday immediately after the female harvest objective is reached for that hunt, or on the date indicated in the spring bear regulations, whichever comes first. The female harvest objective is combined for Unit 35A/35B and Fort Huachuca hunts, and both hunts will close when the female harvest objective is reached for Unit 35A/35B.
- 4 . All bears killed must be checked out by the hunter within 48 hours by calling the Arizona Game and Fish Department at 1-800-970-BEAR (2327). Hunters may call this number anytime to determine if a hunt is still open.
- 5 . The Fort Huachuca Military Reservation in Unit 35A is open to bear hunting only to properly licensed Fort Huachuca military and civilian personnel holding a valid Fort Huachuca post hunting permit. Hunt numbers must be obtained from Fort Huachuca. Applications for these hunts must be submitted to the Arizona Game and Fish Department by the published deadline.

BEAR SPECIAL REGULATIONS: Pursuant to R12-4-308: A successful bear hunter shall report information about the kill to a Department office in person or by telephone with 48 hours of taking a bear. If the kill is reported by telephone, the report shall include the name of the hunter, his or her hunting license number, the sex of the bear taken, the management unit where the bear was taken, and telephone number at which the hunter can be reached to obtain additional information. In addition, a premolar tooth from the bear shall be provided to the Phoenix office within 20 days after contacting the Department.

BEAR BAG LIMIT: One (1) bear per calendar year except as prescribed in R12-4-120.